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President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I write regarding your decision to decline to invite the Red Land Little League baseball team of Pennsylvania to visit the White House. As a baseball fan yourself, you probably are aware that the Red Land kids won the United States championship in Williamsport, Pennsylvania last summer, but you may not know of all of the great works the players have done away from the baseball diamond.

Not only are the Red Land players accomplished athletes on the playing field, they are also responsible and generous members of their community. As a team, they have raised more than \$30,000 dollars for pediatric cancer research. In addition, Red Land star Cole Wagner donated a bat he used during the Little League World Series to an auction to benefit families of children undergoing cancer treatment at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital. Incidentally, this was not just an ordinary bat – it was an Anderson TechZilla 2.0 model, since Wagner could not use the regular bats supplied by Little League as his bat speed was too high and he would break them. This selfless dedication to helping others is yet another reason to honor the Red Land kids with a visit to the White House.

I cannot help but note that other U.S. champions have been given the thrill of their lives in visiting the White House in recent years. In 2014, you hosted the Jackie Robinson West All Stars of Chicago, who won the U.S. title but fell in the world championship game like Red Land.

I understand that your schedule is full and the demand on your time is great. With that in mind, I am still asking that you reconsider your decision, extend an invitation to a great bunch of young men from Pennsylvania, and grant them memories that would last a lifetime.

All my best,

Lou Barletta
Member of Congress